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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF COARSE GRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the targets fixed for procurement of wheat during the current year were not achieved;

(b) if so, whether Government has directed the State Governments to procure coarse grains in lieu of wheat; and

(c) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No targets are fixed by Government for procurement of foodgrains for the Central Pool since there is open ended procurement by Government Agencies under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations of all FAQ (fair average quality) stocks offered at the purchase centres.

(b) & (c): In view of low level of procurement of wheat, Government has been encouraging State Governments to procure more coarsegrains and use the same under TPDS.